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FISH INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the problems being faced by the fish industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to save the fish industry from collapse?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Government are aware of the problems faced by fish industry such as increase in operational cost, inadequate infrastructure, trained manpower and financing, poaching by foreign fishing vessels etc.

(c): Government have taken, inter-alia, following steps for development of fish industry:-

1. Setting up of fishing harbours at major and minor ports.

2. The Indian Coast Guard have been entrusted to check poaching by foreign fishing vessels.

3. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) provides technical guidance to the seafood industry besides operating a number of developmental schemes and providing financial assistance to the seafood industry for acquisition/setting up of infrastructural requirements, laboratory etc. and also for renovation of existing facilities.

4. New Guidelines for fishing operations in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) have been issued in November, 2002.

5. Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) provides training in various aspects of fishing vesse operations.